

# Reconstructing the South



## Homework packet

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1) Define *Reconstruction* as it applies to the postwar period:

2) Although the North lost 364,000 of its population compared to the South's 280,000, the loss to the South was more devastating. Why?

3) Briefly summarize the difficulties faced by the following groups during the postwar period:

<i>Black southerners</i>	
<i>Plantation Owners</i>	
<i>Poor White Southerners</i>	

4) In what ways was Reconstruction like an extension of the Civil War?

5) Explain why deciding on a plan for Reconstruction was such a complicated issue for the federal government.

6) In your own opinion, what were the strengths of Lincoln's plan for Reconstruction? What were the weaknesses?

Strengths	Weaknesses

7) What were some of the arguments given by the Radical Republicans against Lincoln's plan?

8) Explain several reasons why freed African Americans chose to remain in the South after the Civil War.

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## Congressional Reconstruction

Define:

<b>Mandate</b>	
<b>Political "moderates"</b>	
<b>Civil Rights</b>	

1. **Thought Question:** The end of slavery and the defeat of the South intensified white prejudice toward Blacks. Why?

2. **Black Codes** were designed to restrict “freedmen’s” rights. Identify and describe 3 or examples of black codes.

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3. President Johnson’s plan for reconstruction made it easier for the South to reenter the Union. Johnson also opposed equal rights for African Americans. How might Johnson’s background have influenced his actions?

4. Congress passed 3 Constitutional Amendments to ensure equal rights for African Americans. Describe each and when each was ratified.

<b>13<sup>th</sup> Amendment</b>	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Amendment</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Amendment</b>	

5. What may have caused northern voters to elect more “radical republicans” to Congress in 1866?

6. The Reconstruction Act of 1867 passed by the Radical Republican Congress differed from President Johnson's plan. What were the main goals of "Radical Reconstruction?"

7. Why did the House of Representatives vote to impeach Pres. Johnson in 1868.

8. True/False: A large majority in the Senate voted not to convict Pres. Johnson. Explain.

9. What role did the Supreme Court play in the "battle" of Reconstruction?

10. Why do you think most southern black men voted Republican in 1870?

11. "Carpetbaggers" and "Scalawags" were names given to Republicans by southerners. Who were they?

Carpetbaggers	
Scalawags	

What did they have in common?

12. **Look at the cartoon on p. 401.** What is the message of the cartoon?

-What type of person may have created it?

**Ch. 13-3 p. 391-92**

**Birth of the "New South"**

**Define:**

**Sharecropping**

**Tenant farming**

1. Explain why the following is accurate.

**SHARECROPPING AND TENANT FARMING**



**CYCLE OF DEBT  
PLANTERS AND MERCHANTS PROSPER  
FOCUS ON CASH CROPS**

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**Ch. 13-4 p. 395-98****The End of Reconstruction**

1. Summarize the goals and tactics of the KKK.

<i><b>Goals</b></i>	<i><b>Tactics</b></i>

2. List the successes of Reconstruction.


3. List the failures of Reconstruction.


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